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TO: V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Parish President

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SUBJECT: 2011 Annual Report

The Grants Office operated on a budget of \$186,335 in 2011. The department is staffed by two persons: myself and Carla Chiasson, Grants Specialist II.

The mission of the Grants Office is to actively pursue grant funding, as well as manage existing grant agreements for projects and programs for St. Charles Parish. Actively pursuing grant funding involves researching all leads on grant funding for feasibility and applying for and securing grants to help fund Parish projects and programs. Managing existing grant agreements involves ensuring that the Parish adheres to grant agreements by monitoring the status of the project or program, working closely with the department personnel involved with the project or program, completing status reports, submitting requests for reimbursement, as well as completing other reports necessary to close-out the grant following the completion of the project or program.

During 2008-2011, the Grants Office secured a total of \$50.4M in grant funding. Of the \$50.4M total, \$38M was secured competitively, \$10.3 was allocated to the Parish, and \$2.1 was appropriated to the Parish.

St. Charles Parish was awarded the following grants, allocated, and appropriated funding totaling \$9,899,387 in 2011:

- \$25,000 grant through the Entergy Charitable Foundation for the Continued Development of Wetland Watchers Park;
- \$5,000 grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful and \$2,500 Entergy Open Grant to fund the 2011 Trash Bash event;
- \$258,883 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to install impact resistant windows and doors on the Parish Courthouse;

- \$142,800 Community Water and Enrichment Fund grant to fund the Evangeline Road Waterline Upgrade;
- \$1,500,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to install generators at the Community Center, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Operations Center;
- \$1,100,000 grant from Department of Transportation and Development's Statewide Flood Control program and \$500,000 grant from the State of Louisiana's Facility Planning and Control program to fund the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee;
- \$3,000,000 in additional Gustav/Ike Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding through HUD/Office of Community Development (OCD) for the construction of the Community Center;
- \$2,000 Entergy Open Grant for Restoration of Parish Infrastructure following the 2011 opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway;
- \$973,800 grant through the DOTD Transportation Enhancement Program to construct the East Bank Bike Path Phase VI, extending from the Bonnet Carre Spillway West Guide Levee to the St. John the Baptist Parish line;
- \$578,000 of additional grant funding through the DOTD Transportation Enhancement Program to cover 95% of the construction cost of the East Bank Bike Path Phase IV, extending from Harding Street to Apple Street.
- \$442,422 federal grant from the Sustainable Communities Grant Program through HUD for the LA 52 Corridor Revitalization Plan;
- \$138,700 grant through the Local Government Assistance Program to construct a new restroom building at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling;
- \$1,137,029 Hazard Mitigation Grant through FEMA/GOHSEP to replace culverts along Primrose Canal; and
- \$93,253 in additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for the Paradis Canal Pump Station Auto Bar Screen Cleaner.

Of the total amount St. Charles Parish was awarded in grant funding, \$8,221,975 was competitive funding secured by the Grants Office.

In addition to some of the aforementioned grant applications that were submitted and awarded funding during 2011, the Grants Office applied for and is awaiting approval of \$23,075,510 in funding. An application for Statewide Flood Control funding through the Department of Transportation and Development for the Willowridge Pump Station in the amount of \$6,503,350 was submitted in September and is under review. Two applications were submitted to FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation program, one in the amount of \$160,749 to retrofit the Public Works and Wastewater Director's Office and another in the amount of \$86,167 to fund the update to the Parish's Hazard Mitigation Plan. An application in the amount of \$14,126,138 was submitted to FEMA for funding through the Repetitive Flood Claim program to elevate 27 homes designated as Repetitive Loss properties in the parish. Additionally, an application in the amount of \$629,194 was submitted to FEMA for funding through the Severe Repetitive Flood program to elevate 4 homes designated as Severe Repetitive Loss properties. The Grants Office continues to

work with GOHSEP and FEMA to obtain funding totaling \$1,353,712 for the Coronado Park and Mimosa Park Drainage Improvements projects submitted for funding through FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. The Grants Office has also put a request into the State for additional Katrina Hazard Mitigation funding in the amount of \$12M to fund the Walker/Almedia Pump Station and \$15M to fund the Ellington Pump Station.

Projects funded with grant monies that were completed in 2011 include the Trash Bash, Lakewood Pump Station Bar Screen Cleaner installation, the construction of the Driver's License Bureau, Acorn and Sharon Street sewer improvements, Rathborne Park Development Phase I improvements, Ormond Boulevard Culvert Improvements, Killona Park Phase III improvements, installation of shutters at the East and West Bank Waterworks Plants, installation of Auto Bar Screen Cleaners at the Engineer's Canal, Dianne Canal and New Sarpy Pump Stations.

In addition to the grants awarded, grant applications under review, and projects completed with grant funding in 2011, there are several grants managed by the Grants Office for Parish programs that are ongoing and projects that are in design or under construction. The Grants Office will continue to manage these grants to help ensure successful completion of the programs and projects. The Grants Office will also continue to seek grant funding opportunities for future Parish projects and programs.

I also serve as the Project Manager over the construction of the Edward A. Dufrense Community Center. The facility is currently under construction with a target completion date of May 31, 2013.

As a final note, the Grants Office offers limited assistance to those in the community interested in applying for grants for private businesses, non-profits or individuals. While the office cannot prepare applications for non-governmental entities, it can offer information on available funding. Those requesting help for personal needs are referred to the Department of Community Services, which administers federally funded programs to assist those meeting certain eligibility requirements.